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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Mischiefous

No one could accuse President Syngman Rhee of South Korea of being a sycophant. He has in fact adopted a somewhat peculiar method of endearing himself to the Western powers, laying emphasis on threats, rudeness and a dose of rich calamity for good measure. His latest offer to send a division of South Korean troops to Indo-China is presumably part of the so-called "Holy War Crusade against Communism" he has been preaching since the United Nations started getting the upper hand in the Korean war. He sees himself almost as a divinely appointed champion of the free peoples of Asia but his incredible naivety, his diplomatic blundering, his complete inability to relate the laws of cause and effect to everyday politics, even his gross underestimation of the forces he opposes (or, rather, an overestimation of the strength of his own supporters) make it very unlikely that the mantle of leadership will ever fall on his shoulders. There is his hostility to two important Asian powers—India and Japan—to begin with. And last week he offered troops to "assist the three States of Indo-China to defeat the Vietnamese". The name of "France" was not even mentioned in the offer—that country which has borne the brunt of the fighting was completely ignored. Paris did not wait to receive the offer before replying "No", for the Quai D'Orsay clearly realises that any move to bring such troops into Indo-China might induce Red China to march its own hordes across the border. Washington has the same idea. Latest cables from Seoul and Washington confirm that there is more than a suggestion of an ulterior motive in President Rhee's seemingly myopic offer—for with the confirmation of its proposals to send troops to Indo-China the South Korean Government went on to attack "some Americans" and said "our own war has been stalemate by those who pursue selfish personal interests and seek to prevent us from unifying our own country." The designs of the mischievous Dr Rhee become clearer.

The "Rebels"

It might be imagined that Victorian imperialism would be the last thing to wave in front of the eyes of the Nguib Junta at the present stage of the discussions on how the evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal is to be effected. Yet lingering in the lobbies of Westminster is a "mischievous" group known within their own Conservative Party as the "rebels" whose nostalgic memories of Britain's glorious and romantic past have completely blinded them in the present situation. Their zeal has carried them beyond the bounds of mere patriotism to the very borders of Jingism and this has done considerable harm to Anglo-Egyptian relations. Furthermore the rebels are undoing all the good work that Sir Robert Hankey has achieved in his painstaking negotiations with the Egyptian. The rebels do not just want settlement on British terms; the very idea of evacuation is anathema to them. There is room for concession on the points in dispute by both sides but, first, one problem—which can be speedily dispatched—is that of the rebels. It is up to Sir Winston Churchill to give unequivocal support to Mr Eden in his sincere and genuine attempts to solve the whole business amicably.

GOOD NEWS FOR COLONY'S ENTREPOT TRADE

Boycott Of Newspaper Demanded

Singapore, Feb. 14. A meeting claiming to represent 50 trade unions here today called upon all workers in Malaya to boycott Singapore's biggest English-language newspaper, the Straits Times and its sister publications.

This is the newest development in the week-old strike of linotypists and other workers of the Straits Times over the dismissal of one employee. The newspaper is being published as usual with new hands. — France-Press.

May Reap Benefits From Trade Treaty

There was good news from London yesterday for Hongkong's entrepot trade this year. Our correspondent cabled that under the new Anglo-Japanese payments agreement an extra £36.5 million worth of goods will be imported into Hongkong and Singapore from Japan this year for re-sale in neighbouring markets (See P. 9 for full report).

The total amount of Japanese goods to be imported into these two entrepot ports for re-export this year will be worth about £66 million, the correspondent said.

It is impossible to say how much of this new trade Hongkong will get. However on the assumption that it is shared equally by Singapore and Hongkong the influx of an extra £18.25 million (\$HK 292 million) worth of goods for re-sale and possibly processing and finishing in the course of the year will be welcomed by the entire business community.

Even if only a third of this trade comes through Hongkong (£12.166 million or \$HK 194,856 million) it can do much to put new life into business.

SECURITY PLAN ADVOCATED

London, Feb. 14. Former Chief of the British Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir John Slessor, today recommended a European security plan based on the adherence of the United States, Canada and West Germany to the five-power European Brussels pact, which was signed prior to the formation of the Atlantic alliance.

In addition, it has been suggested that exports to South Korea will be higher this year and there will be an increasing flow of West German exports channelled through Hongkong to the Communist bloc—all of which indicates that business in the Colony will be brighter this year.

As our London correspondent points out, the extra £36.5 million worth of goods to be imported into Hongkong and Singapore from Japan for re-export is included in the "colonial quota". The Dominions will also buy more from Japan under negotiations to be concluded separately. Hongkong business people predict a certain portion of this trade will also come through the colony.

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As far as Hongkong-Japanese trade is concerned, Hongkong business people make these predictions:

• The increased trade flow should mean an increase in the purchasing power of residents.

• The processing and finishing which many of the Japanese exports will require should help to improve the colony's labour situation.

• There will be more business for ships which, too often during the last two years, have been seen in the harbour either in ballast or with a meagre tonnage of general cargo.

As has been pointed out already, Hongkong businessmen do not expect Japanese exports to the colonies will affect its export markets with the exception of the local textile industry which might be "slightly affected". The general opinion is that with Japanese prices at their present high levels, the new Anglo-Japanese proposals will promote "healthy competition" in so far as Hongkong exports are concerned.

Launch Sinks: 10 Lose Lives

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 14. At least 10 persons were drowned here today when a launch sank in Rio's Guanabara Bay. Fifteen other persons aboard the harbour boat were hurt in the accident.

The police said the launch was loaded to capacity with passengers from Rio's Portuguese colony who planned to visit the Portuguese ship Vera Cruz, which is anchored in the Bay.

Survivors said that as the launch approached the Vera Cruz it suddenly went under. Police and harbour rescue units rushed to the scene and were able to save "dozens" of people, officials said.—United Press.

Road Accidents On The Increase In Britain

London, Feb. 14. The accident rate on British roads rose again in 1953 despite a big improvement in the previous year, the Ministry of Transport reported today.

Although full figures for 1953 were not given in the report, it was stated that sufficient numbers were available to show that the improvements seen during 1952 was not maintained.

The report said there were 11 per cent fewer accidents in 1952 than in 1951—despite a six per cent rise in population and a 50 per cent increase in the number of vehicles.

The 1952 figures also were nearly four per cent below those of 1951. In 1952 there were 171,787 road accidents involving injury and 208,012 persons were hurt, including 7,700 killed.

More than a quarter of those hurt were pedestrians including 68 children every day.

The report showed that the most dangerous age is between five and six, and the most dangerous hour—weekends apart—from four and five in the afternoon.

Police blamed pedestrians for more accidents than anybody else. In a foreword to the report, the Minister for Transport, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, said: "Accidents in the main arise from the taking of very foolish risks by very large numbers of drivers."

Sentenced To Death



Ma Man-ko, No. 2 leader, "General China", otherwise known as Warmis Hote, pictured after being sentenced to death at Neri, China, who did not seem to know or care what the judge was saying, was given leave to appeal on legal technicalities only. The sentence is subject to confirmation by the Governor of Kenya, Sir Evelyn Barker. China was found guilty of consorting with armed persons. He was sentenced to be hanged. Sentence on the second charge of being in improper possession of ammunition was postponed.—London Express.

Vietminh Attack On Luang Prabang Believed Abandoned

Hanoi, Feb. 14. The French Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven, who returned here by air tonight from the royal Laotian capital of Luang Prabang, was expected to discuss with the North Vietnam commander, General Cogny, plans for a resumption of French Union initiative in Laos, where the 808th Vietminh shock division still remains about forty miles from the capital.

French military observers here tonight expressed the belief that General Vo Nguyen Giap had abandoned his plans for the 308th division to attack the capital. They pointed out that the division had broken its forced march on Luang Prabang a week ago and was still entrenched in the area around the Nam Bak River with no evidence of any further advances being shown.

Two companies of the Vietminh yesterday crossed the Mekong River north of Luang Prabang toward Pakhou and Pakse, but the crossing, it was stated, presented no direct threat to the royal capital in view of the smallness of the Vietminh forces.

The crossing was accomplished on bamboo rafts at dawn and the Vietminh elements immediately established themselves on a bend in the river.

UNDER FIRE. More infiltrations were expected on the right bank of the Mekong in the Muongnai area. The air-strip at Muongnai was reported to be under Vietminh mortar fire, but air traffic was continuing.

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Another Secret Session On Big 5 Talks Proposal

Berlin, Feb. 15.

The Big Four Foreign Ministers go into secret session here again today (Monday) for another attempt to agree on terms for meeting China—the one remaining item of their agenda on which they have not reached virtually unbreakable deadlock.

Even on this the positions of the Russians and the Western Powers are so far apart that agreement would demand an important sacrifice of principle by one side or the other.

The West has proposed a conference on Korea attended by the Big Four, Communist China and all the nations who fought in the war, to open in Geneva on April 15.

Mr. Molotov has said he would agree to such a meeting provided it started with talks between the "Big Five" Powers, including the Peking Government, before the other Korean belligerents were invited.

This would establish China's claim to the rights of a major Power with world responsibilities. For that reason the Western Powers reject the Soviet plan. Peking is an aggressor in the eyes of the United Nations, while France and the United States have not even recognised the Chinese Communist Government.

The unknown factor is how Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese President, feels about the prospect of there being no conference at all if Mr. Molotov turns down the Western formula.

SINO-SOVIET TREATY. Observers here believe this was probably the main topic of discussion last night between the Soviet Minister and the Chinese Ambassador to East Germany, Mr. Chi Peng-fu, when they met for the fourth anniversary of the Sino-Soviet treaty.

The Sino-Soviet treaty may be raised in a different context this afternoon when the Big Four go into "open" session to continue discussion of European security, which, with the German problem, forms item two of the conference agenda.

When the Ministers last discussed this item on Wednesday, Mr. Molotov tabled a plan for a European security pact uniting Britain and the continental states both sides of the Iron Curtain, which recognised the continued division of Europe.

Since it would have necessitated the withdrawal of American troops from Europe and the withdrawal of European nations from the Atlantic Pact, it would have ecclosed the 14-nation Atlantic alliance. The West rejected it because of this and will continue to do so today, according to Western observers.

It did not recommend any further action and held the infant's death accidental.—United Press.

HOSPITAL ABSOLVED OF BLAME

Chicago, Feb. 14. The Chicago Medical Society tonight absolved Woodlawn Hospital of blame in the death of a five-month-old girl whose mother charged was turned away because she had no money for a deposit.

The death of Laura Lingo on January 18 from burns had wide repercussions here, including an investigation of all hospitals to determine how they handle charity cases.

The Society said it had conducted its own investigation because the case "reflected nationwide on the medical profession of Chicago and on the medical care and humane attitude offered by the hospitals of the city".

It said it found "no failure on the part of Woodlawn Hospital or of Cook County Hospital where the child subsequently died."

A coroner's jury, however, had returned a verdict of "gross negligence" against Woodlawn. It did not recommend any further action and held the infant's death accidental.—United Press.

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Commemorative Tickets Are Not Valid For This Picture**"VAST CHANGES" IN NEW ROYAL NAVY****Royal Tours "Every Five Years"**

Melbourne, Feb. 15. The morning newspaper Argus reported from London today that Royal visits are being planned to Australia and other Commonwealth countries "at least every five years."

In a front page story, the Argus said future visits were likely to single "suitable" or a small number of places, rather than round-the-world journeys like the present tour.

The Queen and the Duke would "travel light" with a small retinue and probably use jet aircraft, the Argus said.

The newspaper added: "An idea supported by many high officials is that Prince Charles should make his first Commonwealth visit at the age of 14 with at least one of his parents."

It reported that London officials thought Prince Charles might make a tour alone when he attained his majority at 18. Princess Anne might travel when she is 18 or 17.—China Mail Special.

U.S. Politician Says:**"We'll Even Throw The Kitchen Sink At The Communists"**

Washington, Feb. 14. Chairman Dewey Short (Republican, Missouri) of the House Armed Services Committee said today he believed the United States would hit the Communists with every weapon in its arsenal if they renewed the Korean war.

Representative Short also declared that fighting would not be confined to the Korean peninsula if Red China broke the "uneasy" truce. He said further that the United States plans to build up the South Korean Army to 20 highly-trained and equipped divisions against the threat of a new war.

Covering a wide range of military subjects on the NBC television programme "You Want To Know," Rep. Short said Russia is capable of delivering the atomic bomb on U.S. cities and that this country would be able to shoot down only 25 per cent of the attacking bombers.

The Missouri Republican said he did not believe either the United States or Russia was capable of knocking out the other with a single atomic "strike."

Sen. Walter F. George (Democrat, Georgia), top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, warned in the meantime that the United States would get involved in an Asiatic war if it sent combat troops to Indo-China because Red China would extend the war immediately.

Sen. George also said the United States "cannot afford to sacrifice" the use of South Korean troops by French and native forces fighting the Communists in Indo-China. He said this also would lead to Communist Chinese intervention.

NO RENEWAL

General John E. Hull, U.S. Commander in the Far East, said last week he did not think the Reds would renew the Korean war unless they think they can win and right now they do not think so. But he expressed "concern" over the Communist air buildup in North Korea.

Representative Short was asked whether recent statements by Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles and others in Administration officials meant that a new global conflict, inevitably meant an atomic war.

Limiting his remarks to Korea, Representative Short said, "It is not only possible, it could very well happen" that the Communists would attack again in Korea. If they do, he said, "then our efforts and the struggle will not be confined to the Korean peninsula."

"I don't know where all we would hit," he said. "But I think we would use every weapon of our command and throw everything at the enemy but the kitchen sink, and throw that, if it is necessary."

In several recent statements, Mr. Dulles raised the possibility that the United States would retaliate directly against Red China and Russia if they engage in new aggression. Since then, the Senate has ratified a defense treaty with South

More Ships Are Overseas

The Royal Navy is modernising its fleet for the "atomic age," an Admiralty spokesman announced in London yesterday. "Vast changes are taking place and the old orthodox service ship is giving way slowly to faster vessels on, over and under the sea," he said.

He also stated: "It has been alleged the Royal Navy has been whittled down to nothing—but in fact we have larger numbers of ships overseas than ever before."

London, Feb. 14. "Prepare for atomic warfare" is the order of the day in the Royal Navy and one which is today posing the Admiralty with its biggest post-war problem.

Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, who has styled himself "formal naval person" is doing his utmost to give Britain's first line of defence a new look.

At a recent Cabinet meeting he was reported to have urged all service departments to make every effort to adapt their organisation to the atomic age, both by preparing to use atomic weapons and by preparing defences against them.

This is raising difficult problems, particularly over naval construction because the Admiralty is not yet clear about the type of fleet best suited to atomic warfare and they have only a "molehill" fleet and a limited budget to operate with.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. J. P. L. Thomas, put the problem in a nutshell when he told Parliament during the debate on Navy Estimates last year a great part of the British fleet was pre-war or wartime construction.

All this activity, combined with the fact that the Navy estimates have been kept within strict economy limits, have tended to restrict the much needed programme for preparing the Fleet for atomic war.

"But don't imagine that because no official announcements are being made that nothing is being done," the spokesman said.

"VAST CHANGES"

He said, in fact, "vast changes" are taking place and that the old orthodox service ship is giving way slowly to faster vessels on, over and under the sea—planes faster than sound, fast submarines that can stay submerged for weeks.

All of which presents another problem of training and keeping personnel in the service when the atomic and electronic age offers higher wages and less risks of civilian life.

Navy personnel today, from the able seaman to the admiral, have to train for atomic warfare.

The identifying badges of the seamen's various ratings are unrecognisable today by pre-war sailors—each rating taking for some specialised course either in electronics or some phase of atomic damage control.

Even the lowly stoker today is a specialist in jet turbines or high efficiency diesel engines and already courses have started for training in atomic propulsion, of which adds to the British navy's problems.—United Press.

The Admiralty estimates the total naval strength today to be about 151,000 tons compared with 129,000 in 1939.

STRESSES & STRAINS

"It has been alleged that the British Navy has been whittled down to nothing but it may surprise a number of our Allies to know that we have larger numbers overseas than ever before," a spokesman said.

The spokesman explained that although the British Empire may

not be believed to be a commercial airliner.—United Press.

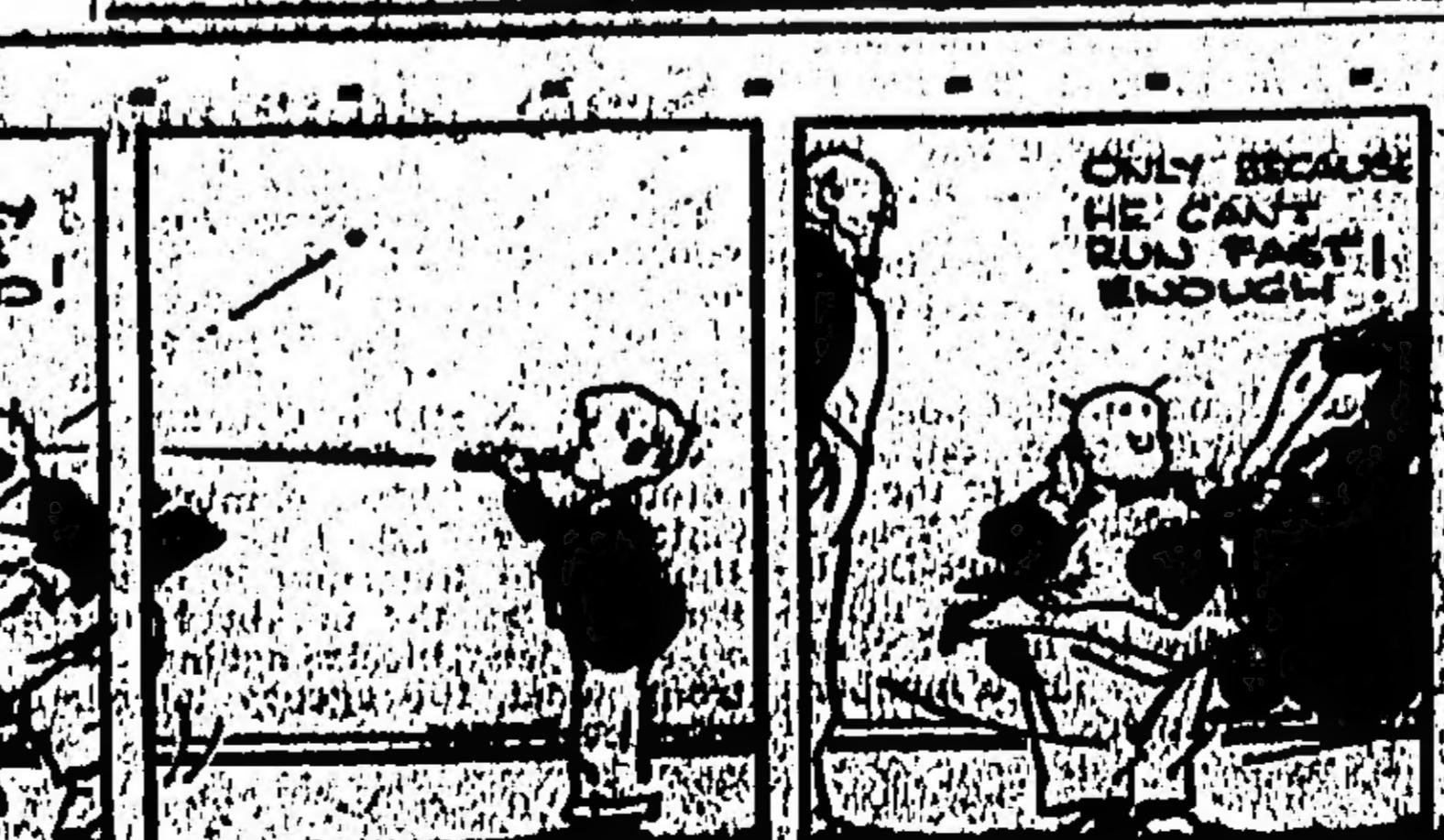
Plane Crashes Into Building

Birmingham, Alabama, Feb. 14. An unidentified plane crashed into a building near Municipal Airport today, an official in the control tower reported.

The official said the plane was not believed to be a commercial airliner.—United Press.

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"CONCENTRATION CAMP" IN MALAYA

Where Reds Punish "Banished" Party Members

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 14. The Malayan communists have established a concentration camp where punished members of the party those whose services were no longer considered useful were "banished."

US Marines Must Investigate "Ratting"

Washington, Feb. 14. The Marine Corps believes that military discipline would suffer a "certain" blow if it failed to investigate thoroughly American prisoners who broke under Communist pressure in Korea, it was disclosed today.

The Marine Commandant General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., said in a statement to Chairman Leverett Saltonstall (Republican, Massachusetts) of the Senate Armed Services Committee that the "ultimate aim" is to make clear that the Corps "does not condone cowardice or treasonable acts."

General Shepherd said the Marines wanted to minimize the possibility of future acts of weakness by Americans in any new encounter with the Communists.

The official Marine position was reversed as a Marine court of inquiry prepared to open a fact-finding investigation on Tuesday into the case of Col. Frank H. Schwabie, Marine aviator who signed a false "germ warfare" confession while a prisoner of the Reds.

SPECIAL BOARD

The Army is now conducting a pre-trial investigation of court martial charges against Corporal Edward S. Dickenson, former prisoner who refused repatriation and then changed his mind and came home. He is charged with communicating with the enemy while a prisoner.

The Air Force has set up a special top-level board to study the cases from 80 to 100 airmen who signed false confessions or were accused of "aiding" fellow prisoners.

The board will recommend whether the men be cleared or subjected to disciplinary action.

The Schwabie inquiry is the first of its kind in the history of U.S. armed forces. General Shepherd noted that a host of problems were involved, including the fact that never before had U.S. prisoners of war been subjected to such "degradation" and "cunning" torture.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
8 Discover (4).
7 Repose (5).
8 Cheat (5).
9 Smoke-duct (4).
10 Put back (7).
12 Inset (4).
15 Ward off (6).
16 Printing instruction (4).
18 Elevate (5).
21 Applaud with shouts (5).
22 Sometimes found at the seaside (4).
23 Material (5).
26 Volume (4).
28 Spots (7).
29 Exult (4).
31 Volcanic discharge (4).
32 Gay (5).
33 Coarse (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Stolid, 7 Chut, 9 Sworn, 10 Stock, 11 Blia, 13 Constrain, 15 Item, 16 Drab, 19 Contingent, 22 Trot, 24 Orato, 25 Balm, 26 Hiss, 27 Treaty, 28 Tread, 3 Limit, 4 Dismay, 5 Scouring, 6 Habit, 8 Hold, 12 Admit, 13 Cadet, 14 Sabotage, 17 Achim, 18 Attent, 20 Hobnail, 21 Edit, 22 Hobnail.

This was revealed by seven survivors of an original group of 11 camp inmates who reached "freedom" after trekking for two months through virgin jungle after escaping from the camp.

This new and startling revelation was made by three men, two women and two children who were found by a security force patrol last month near death from exhaustion.

Chow Kan, leader of the group, told interrogators that somewhere in the jungle of Kelantan State the Malay Communist Party has established a concentration camp which it calls a "farm unit." He said into this camp were banished those considered by the party bosses to require punishment or who in their opinion would no longer serve their purpose.

About two months ago, Chow said, a group of six men, two women and three children decided to escape from the camp. The opportunity came when the leader of the political branch was absent from the camp.

They were led on the first short stage of their journey by some friendly natives and left to find their way out of the jungle. They had little more than a compass to help them through the 80 miles (as the crow flies) of virgin jungle.

Travelling at about three miles a day, the group eventually reached the broad Perak River which they followed until they saw kampongs (villages) on the other side.

TWO KILLED

During the long trek through the jungle two of the men were killed and another man and one child died of exhaustion and sickness.

Pang Kaul died of exhaustion during the march and his son, aged 16, died soon afterwards. Lee Hung and Wong Nam were killed during a fight which developed after a quarrel on the banks of the Perak River.

The rest of the party was brought out by a routine security patrol near the Sungai Mawa, a tributary of the Perak River in Upper Perak.

The patrol was under the command of Police Lieutenant Kenneth Carr of North Cumberland.

The survivors were completely exhausted when found by the patrol and several would have died if they had not been spotted within the next few days.—United Press.

Runaway Ox Spoiled Their Bathing

Cape Town, Feb. 14. A runaway ox broke the calm of the crowded Cape Town holiday beach of Fish Hoek, wading hundreds running for their lives out of its path.

It injured one young girl, tipped up a man asleep on the sand, and twice charged bathers taking refuge in the sea.

The animal ended up swimming in the sea itself before finally being driven ashore and shot. — China Mail Special.

Negotiations Likely On US Atom Plan

Berlin, Feb. 14. The United States is now confident that the preliminary talks with Soviet representatives on President Eisenhower's proposal for a world atomic bank will lead to substantive negotiations, a high source said today.

Enough progress has been made in the four talks between the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and Soviet representatives in Washington and Berlin so that an end to the procedural stage of the talks is now in sight, the sources said.

Mr. Dulles had two meetings with the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Georgi Zarubin, and two with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V.M. Molotov, in Berlin during the Big Four conference. The last was a 30-minute Dulles-Molotov chat yesterday afternoon.

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US War-Time Prosecutor Says:

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Boston, Feb. 14. United States Prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, Brigadier-General Telford Taylor, said today that Senator Joseph McCarthy, Republican Chairman of the Senate Investigations Committee, had "outrageously abused" his powers.

General Taylor, a reserve officer who has been denounced by the Senator as a "security risk," was speaking to a meeting of the Boston chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

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RED-HOT DAYS FOR THE RED-HUNTERS

By Frederick Ellis

Washington.
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LAD to know you," drawled "the Red-hunting Senator Joe McCarthy when I met him at a swell dinner, given to honour a fellow-hunter now to be a judge.

Then he cracked with a disarming smile: "Do you see any horns?" For Senator Joe is highly amused that he is regarded in Britain as doing the work of the devil.

Joe is in strict contrast with his pencil-slim, pretty wife Jean, whom he married recently. As the Americans say: "She is quite a dish."

Big hand

THE senator is battle-bowled, with thinning hair. He looks more like a bookmaker than a top-flight politician. But when veteran Senator Pat McCarran, the only Democrat at this Republican dinner, described Joe McCarthy as "the senator who has done a colossal job, despite vilification," there was uproar.

The whole 250 diners rose to a man and woman. They clapped. They cheered. They even whistled. It was a startling performance.

It was the biggest demonstration of the evening—an evening when I rose and sank back in my seat almost to exhaustion as one Red-hunter after another was given the big hand.

Do not underestimate the impact of this McCarthyism. Maybe not all America is sold on the turbulent senator. But the majority of Americans I meet believe in what he stands for—the fight against the Communist menace.

Deep belief

I LISTENED to speech after speech from prominent Republicans, senators, and Congressmen as they vied with one another to whip up hate against the Reds—real or imaginary.

"Communism and subversiveness is the spearhead of military action," said Senator Jenner, boss of another Red-hunting Senate committee.

And they say it with the passion of deep belief in a cause. Anyone who does not believe in the Red menace is dubbed "egg-head" by the fanatics.

McCarthy gets most of the headlines in this business. Close runner-up is Harold Velde (pronounced Velder), 43-year-old Congressman from Peoria, Illinois—so named because it lies on the same latitude as the city in Red China.

Velde is chairman of the powerful Un-American Activities Committee of Congress. And whereas America's Uncle Joe hunts his Reds only in the service of the Government, past or present, Velde can summon the whole American people.

I called on the rugged Congressman at his two-room

office close to the Capitol. On the wall is a startling, vicious-looking mounted blue gillfish, something like a swordfish.

"I caught it off Miami last summer. It weighed 51lb. and is 7ft. 1in. long," rattled Velde.

A widower with two children, he will be a grandfather in two months' time. His daughter Joan, who is 21, is married to a U.S. Navy ensign.

No treason

VELDE and the other anti-Reds (here they pronounce anti "an-tye," with the accent on the second syllable) justify their probes because, under the Constitution of the United States, there is no such thing as treason in peacetime.

Citizens can only be charged with treason when guilty of "giving aid and comfort to the enemy."

So three Capitol committees—the Senate sub-committee (McCarthy), the Un-American (Velde), and the Internal Security (Senator Jenner) fight the Red menace, real or imaginary, by exposing suspects to a fierce public probe.

But the public probes take place only after secret sessions have been held. Most of the sessions are private, ending with the suspects being cleared. Velde is well qualified as a Red-prober, for he is a former G-man of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and there is no doubt he passionately believes that America is being undermined by Communists in secret pockets—in Government offices, in the Services, and factories, in Chicago.

That was the prewar centre of isolation. Now it is the centre of McCarthyism. And the McCormick newspapers which supported Isolation back McCarthy. They and their supporters are the extreme Right-wing of the Republicans.

At a party in a lush hotel where I first met Velde, stripped to shirt-sleeves like the rest of us in the overheated room, cracks were being made about "Fascists"—for some Americans regard them as such.

These anti-McCarthyites compare the witch-hunt tactics with those of Hitler prewar. With Hitler the largest was the Jews. With McCarthy the Reds.

But make no mistake about this. The hysteria over Communism in this country is red hot—and anyone who goes after the Communists gets the public's applause.

DONALD LUDLOW Reporting America

Hamburger Frees Kidnappers

New York. RIDICULOUS verdicts are given by all-women juries, says Judge Richard B. Austin, of Chicago.

He cited the case of two kidnappers who, caught red-handed, were yet found innocent in less than 15 minutes.

Amazed, Judge Austin asked the all-women jury why. They said that the victim said one of the men had brought him soft drink and a hamburger. The police, they insisted, should have found out which man it was.

The judge, by the way, was addressing a men's club.

THAT WAR is too dear coffee: Two Philadelphia hotels, the John Bartram and Sylvania, are giving guests a five cent cash bonus for every other kind of beverage they drink.

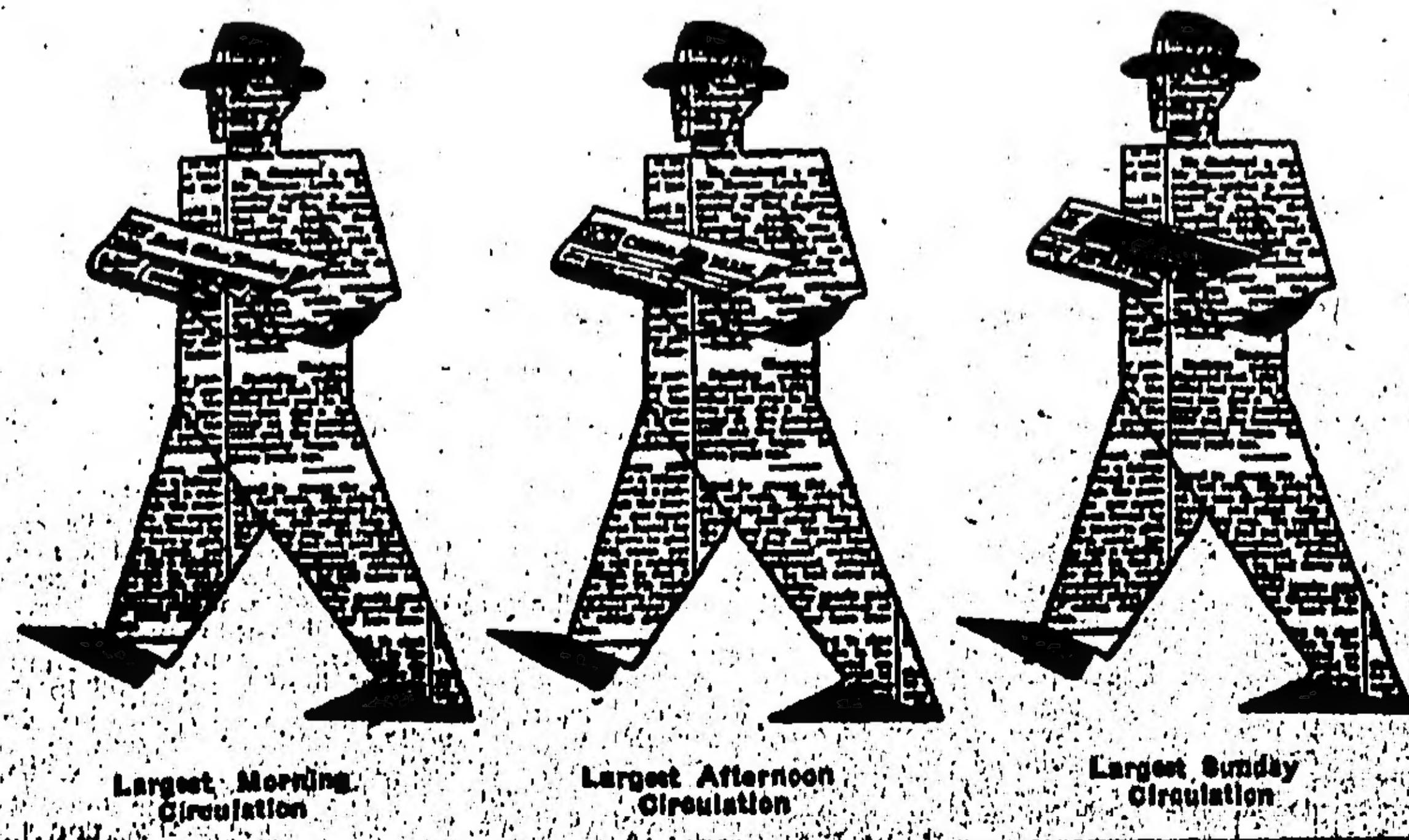
And they say: "We're saving money too."

AMERICA reads more and more daily newspapers, baled for 1953 averaging a record 54,472,286 copies among the population of 100 million.

THREE

SILENT

SALESMEN



THE NEW EXPLOITS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

By ADRIAN CONAN DOYLE and JOHN DICKSON CARR

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

Colonel Warburton was found shot dead in the curio room of his house in Cambridge Terrace. His wife, Eleanor, lay wounded at his side, and there was a pistol on the floor. The door and the french windows were locked from the inside. But did the Colonel shoot his wife? Eleanor's friend, Cora Murray, asks Sherlock Holmes to investigate, and tells him the only other occupants of the house were the Colonel's guest, Major Earsnshaw; his nephew, Captain Chundra Lal; and a native butler, Chundra Lal.

Colonel Warburton was the victim of a singularly cold

now engaged in contemplating the hideous painted face that stared above his head.

"By all means," he replied. "What is your theory to account for the locked door, Inspector Mac?"

"That the Colonel himself locked it for privacy."

"Quite so. A most suggestive circumstance."

"It is suggestive merely of the madness that drove Colonel Warburton to his dreadful deed," answered MacDonald.

"Come, Mr. Holmes," interposed young Lasher. "We all know your reputation for serving justice through your own clever methods and naturally we are as keen as mustard to clear poor Uncle's name. But, devil take it, he was lounging back in his armchair, clad in a dressing-gown, with a cigar between his lips and a smoking revolver poised in his right hand."

Holmes raised one long thin hand.

"Colonel Warburton was the victim of a singularly cold

at last to the grim realities of the night."

Holmes crossed to his desk and, in the pool of light cast by the green-shaded reading lamp, I caught the grave expression on his face as he opened a drawer and took out a life-preserver.

"Slip this into your pocket, Watson," said he. "I fancy that old man may be inclined to violence. Now, Mr. Mac, as Mrs. Hudson has probably been in bed an hour since, if you are ready we will step downstairs and hail the first hansom."

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It was a clear starlit night and a short drive through a network of small streets carried us across Edgware Road. At a word from Holmes, the cab pulled up at a corner, and as we alighted I saw the long expanse of Cambridge Terrace stretching away before us in an empty desolation of lamplight and shadow. We hurried down the street and turned through the gate leading to our destination.

MacDonald nodded towards the planks which now blocked the shattered window.

"They're loose on one side," he whispered. "But move carefully."

There was a slight creaking and, an instant later, we had squeezed our way past the outer darkness of Colonel Warburton's curio room.

Holmes had produced a dark lantern from the pocket of his Inverness, and following its faint beam we groped our way along the wall until we came to an alcove containing a couch.

"This will do," whispered my friend. "We might have found a worse roost and it is near enough to the fireplace for our purposes."

The night was singularly quiet and, as it turned out, our vigil a dreary one. Once, some belated revellers went by in a hansom, the sound of their singing and the clipp-clap of the horse's hoofs gradually dying away towards Hyde Park, and an hour or so later, there came to us the deep rumbling gallop of a fire-engine tearing furiously along Edgware Road with a clairon of bells and the sharp pistol-shot cracking of the driver's whip. Otherwise, the silence was unbroken save for the ticking of a grandfather clock at the other end of the room.

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Holmes stretched up an arm and placed the revolver on the mantelpiece.

"Really, Watson, I don't know what I would do without you," he remarked. "As I have had occasion to observe before, you have a certain genius for supplying the element of a touchstone to the higher workings of the trained mind."

"A touchstone that has, to my knowledge, broken the law three times in order to be of assistance to you," I replied a trifle bitterly.

"My dear fellow," said he, and there was that in his voice that banished any resentment and mollified my ruffled feelings.

"It is some time since I saw you smoking a cigar," I pronounced, as I threw myself into my old chair.

"It is a matter of mood, Watson. In this instance, I took the liberty of purloining one from the stock of the late Colonel Warburton." He broke off to glance at the clock on the mantelpiece. "Hm. We have an hour to spare," he concluded. "So let us exchange the problems of Man's manifold wickedness for the expression of that higher power that exists even in the worst of us, Watson, the Stradivarius. It is in the corner behind you."

"Well, well," said Holmes good-humouredly. "will take you into my confidence, Major, by telling you that my case rests largely on all those broken portions of glass from the french windows which, you will perceive, I have gathered up into the fireplace. When I return tomorrow morning to piece them together, I trust that I will then be able to prove my case to your satisfaction. By the way, Inspector Mac, I take it that you eat oysters?"

Holmes' face reddened.

"Mr. Holmes, I have had aye a liking and a respect for ye," he said sharply. "But there are times when it is neither douce nor seemly in a man to—what the hell do you call it?"

"Merely that to eat them you would presumably take the oyster fork nearest to hand. To the trained observer, surely there would be something significant if you reached instead for the fork beside your neighbour's plate. I give you the thought for what it is worth."

For a long moment MacDonald stared intently at my friend.

"Aye, Mr. Holmes," he said at length. "Verra interesting. I should be glad of your suggestions."

"I would advise that you have the broken window boarded up," replied Holmes. "Apart from that, let nothing be touched until we all meet again tomorrow morning. Come, Watson, I see that it is already past one o'clock. A dish of Calamari alla Siciliana at Pellegrini's would not come amiss."

THE evening passed pleasantly enough. Sherlock Holmes, who was in his most genial mood, lent an attentive ear to the Scindian account of a gang of French colonists whose operations were actually threatening the stability of the Louis XIV.

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I was considering whether I should open the subject to my companions when my attention was arrested by the low creak of a door hinge. There was not a moment to lose. In warning Holmes that somebody was entering the room, But when I stretched out my hand, it was only to find that my friend was no longer beside me.

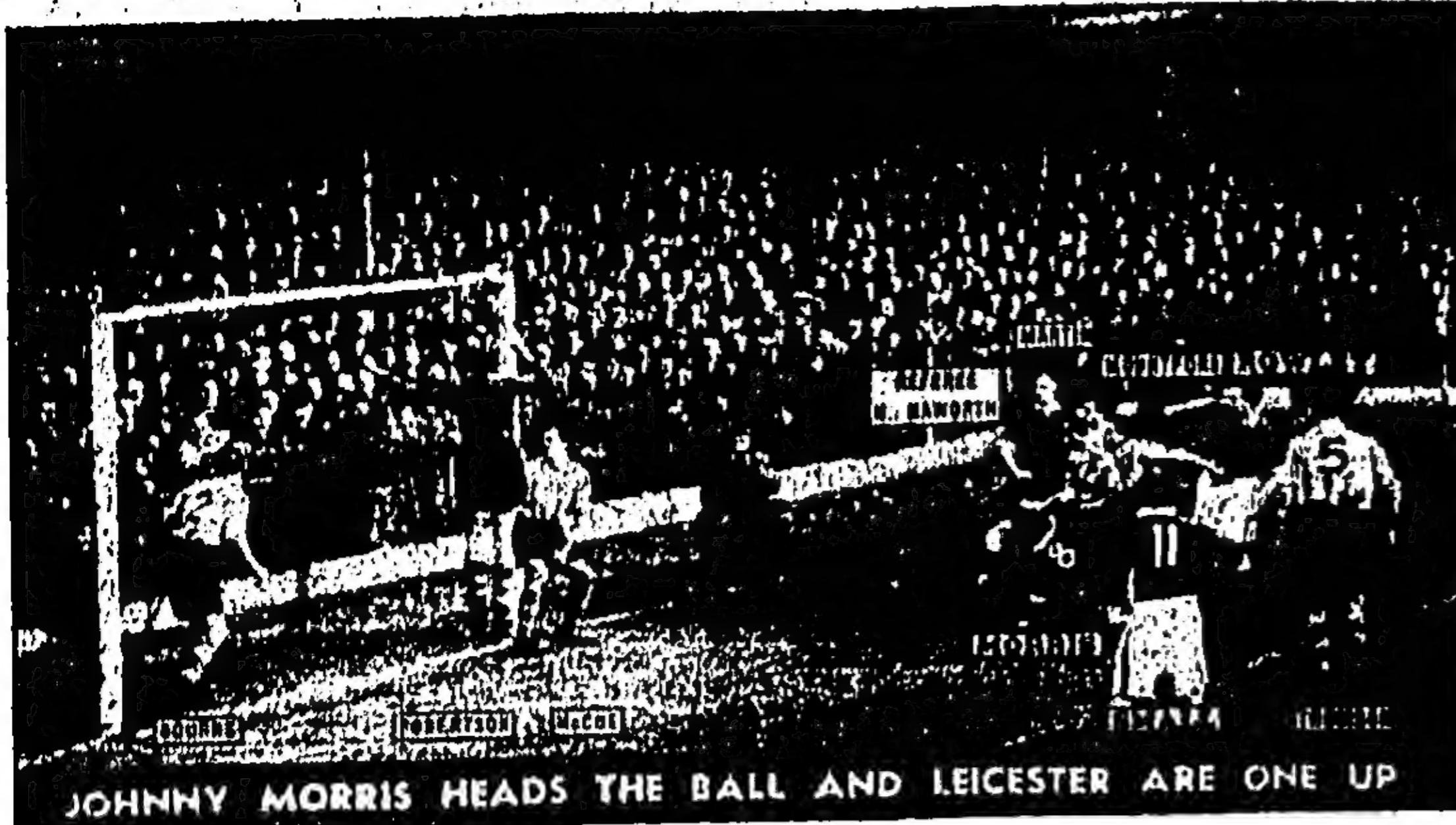
"Watson," he whispered. "The mask is likely to be less impressive but rather more dangerous."

LEANING back in my seat I tried to relax, but, the sight of that grisly relic had turned my thoughts into a new field of conjecture. The sinister white-clad figure of Chundra Lal, Colonel Warburton's Indian servant, arose in my mind's eye, and I attempted to recall the exact words used by Miss Murray in describing the effect of the death-mask upon the man.

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LEICESTER EDGES STOKE OUT OF THE CUP



JOHNNY MORRIS HEADS THE BALL AND LEICESTER ARE ONE UP

Leicester played Stoke at home in the Football Association Cup fourth round replay. Leicester won the match 3-1 and will now meet Norwich, conquerors of Arsenal, in the fifth round of the Cup at Norwich on February 20.

Picture shows Leicester's first goal, made by 5 ft. 6 ins. Johnny Morris whose mighty leap steered the ball into the roof of the net with a beautifully judged header.—Express Photo.

Australia's Test Cricket Cupboard Not As Well Stocked As A Year Ago

Melbourne, Feb. 14.

A survey of Australia's Test cricket cupboard shows that it is not as well stocked as a year ago, when South Africa won the Fifth Test in Australia, drew the rubber and picked a team which went to England and lost the Ashes.

Lindsay Hassett's retirement has left a double gap as captain and sheet-anchor batsman which will be difficult to fill for the Tests to be played here against England next season.

Australia's dearth of Test class spin bowlers—her pride and joy in the days of Mailey, Grimmett, O'Reilly and Fleetwood-Smith—is alarming.

The fast pair, Lindwall and Miller, are in the twilight of their careers, and subject to nches and pains on an increasing scale, with high they should still rank as Test bowlers next season.

To offset the loss of Hassett as batsman, Australia has some talented bats advancing in technique and confidence.

Hole and de Courcy and the all-rounders, Ron Archer and Benard, have returned from England with improved form. In addition, Ray Harvey and Dick Maddocks from Victoria, Ron Briggs of New South Wales, and Les Favell of South Australia all have at times shown class batmanship.

Twenty-eight-year-old Ray Harvey, son of noted Fitzroy (Melbourne) cricketing brothers and 26-year-old Neill is another.

OPENING BAT PROBLEM

Former Test opener, Colin McDonald (Victoria), who did not play in a Test in England, is still suspect as a reliable opening but for Australia. He seems to need some luck as well.

The question of an opening partner for left-hander Morris in Tests against England next season is, therefore, still unsettled.

Briggs, Ray Harvey and Favell have claims as openers, although Favell, a dasher, might do better lower in the batting order. Jeff Hallebone, young Victorian opener, seems in the "rough

diamond" stage yet, but has possibilities.

Even 18-year-old Ian Craig, a dismal failure on the 1953 English tour, came to light with 93 for New South Wales against South Australia at Adelaide and a gay century in the Hassett testimonial match.

But the century—his second in big cricket—was hit in a light-hearted atmosphere, with bowlers, or nearly all of them, waiting victims in their own massacre.

However, his form this season shows that Craig may yet get back into the Test team. He was not chosen for a Test in England.

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Home Soccer Standings

Division I									
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
West Bromwich	30	19	6	23	39	44			
Wolves	30	19	6	23	39	44			
South Shields	30	14	10	6	54	36	38		
Bolton	30	8	7	5	56	41	37		
Bury	30	17	2	11	63	48	20		
Manchester U.	30	12	11	17	63	53	23		
Cheltenham	30	12	11	17	63	53	23		
Freight	30	14	3	13	63	45	31		
Chelsea	30	11	9	10	59	50	31		
Arsenal	30	10	10	10	59	50	30		
Derby	30	12	10	8	62	50	30		
Peterborough	30	12	4	14	60	50	27		
Portsmouth	30	9	9	12	60	50	27		
Cardiff	30	10	10	10	59	50	27		
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Nottingham	30	12	7	11	69	49	37		
Rotherham	30	10	11	9	69	49	37		
Sheffield U.	30	10	11	9	69	49	37		
Walsall	30	10	10	10	69	49	37		
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Shrewsbury Town	30	10	3	7	60	43	43		
Newport	30	10	3	7					



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"SZECHUEN" ... Singapore, Penang & Belawan ... 10 a.m. 18th Feb.
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Salis from Custodian Whar.

ARRIVALS FROM

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"ASCANIUS" ... Liverpool & Dublin ... 23rd Feb. ... Loads ... Salis
"AGAPENOR" ... Genoa, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London & Hamburg ... 23rd Feb. ... 24th Feb.

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"AUTOMEDON" ... Liverpool & Glasgow ... 13th Mar. ... 14th Mar.
"ATREUS" ... Liverpool & Dublin ... 23rd Mar. ... 24th Mar.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

G. "PELEUS" ... Liverpool ... Sailed ... Salis ... Arrives ...
G. "AUTOMEDON" ... do ... do ... do ...
G. "ATREUS" ... do ... do ... do ...
G. "BELLEROPHON" ... do ... do ... do ...
G. "PATROCLUS" ... 18th Feb. ... do ... do ...
S. "ALCINOUS" ... 24th Feb. ... do ... do ...
S. "ANTHOCHUS" ... 3rd Mar. ... do ... do ...
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"TELEMACHUS" ... do ... 16th Feb. ... 18th Mar.
"DONA NATI" ... do ... 3rd Mar. ... 1st Apr.
"MANGALORE" ... 25th Feb. ... 18th Mar. ... 17th Apr.

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In Britain: "Things
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Have Been So Good"

London, Feb. 14.

While Americans are arguing whether there is a recession, Britain's economy is booming.

Production and employment are at record levels, despite a drop in trade with the United States.

Government officials and economists say they believe any severe or prolonged American recession would hit Britain and the rest of the world.

Vital British exports to the United States slumped 30 per cent in the last three months of 1953. But figures published in the last few days show the British economy is strengthening. Things sold have been so good.

The gold and dollar reserves of the whole sterling area still are climbing steadily at its rates further into the black. Retail prices have been steady for almost a year.

Wages, as recorded by the official index, have climbed 12 points since Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill's government took office in 1951, prices have climbed 11 points.

Last November the British working force reached a record total of 22,400,000 out of a population of about 50,000,000. That is the highest in history and after a seasonal decline in December it was still a record total for that time of the year.

The latest figures show that on Jan. 11, the number of registered unemployed was 372,000, which was 52,000 below the same time in 1952.

Steel production last month was at the record high rate of 18,737,000 tons a year, while the index for overall industrial production recovered from a 1952 slump by climbing from 118 in Jan. 1953 to 132 last November.

Total coal production for this year is running slightly behind that of last year but miners agreed when they obtained a recent wage increase that it would be reasonable to try to increase production by an extra 5,000,000 tons.

Wheat production was up 10 per cent, barley up 11 per cent, oats up 7 per cent, potatoes up 8 per cent and fodder roots as a whole up 17 per cent.

Only in one place in town was business bad. The lunch counters and coffee shops around the stock exchange where brokers in their bowler hats and striped pants used to lunch leisurely now report customers only grab a sandwich and run.—United Press.

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SEE NOTHING YET EXCEPT SPACE—NO SIGN OF WHAT WE THOUGHT WE SAW ON THAT FILM—

REACHING MAXIMUM SPEED—MY HEAD'S REELING—BLACK OUT SOON—HOPE THE AUTOMATIC PARACHUTE WORKS—

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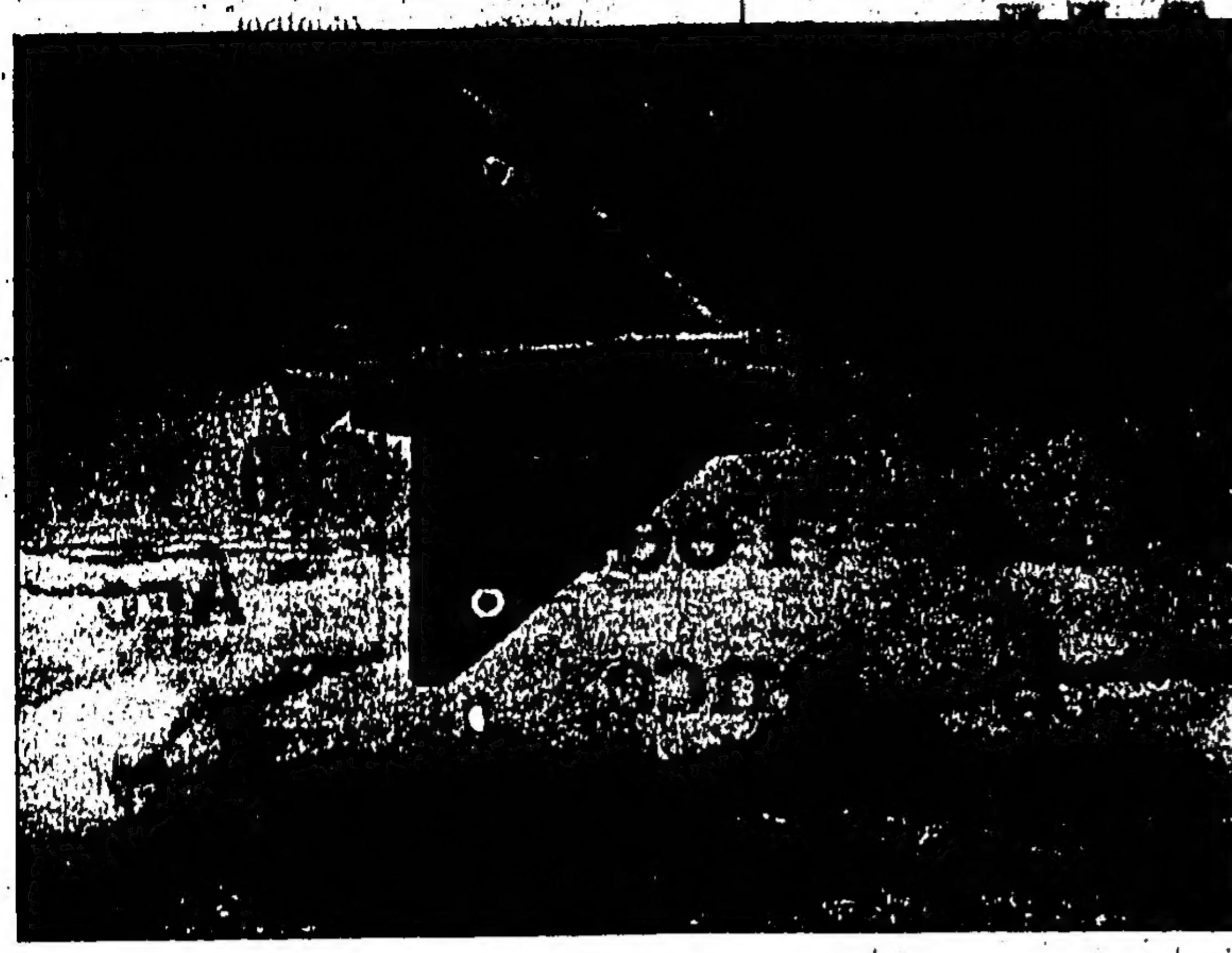
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A new and unusual picture of Britain's latest all-weather fighter the supersonic Gloster Javelin which is to go into service with the RAF shortly. This picture shows the Javelin's "bat" shape as she rolls over during a recent test flight.

The Latest Round-Up Of Aviation News From Britain

America Takes The Lead In The List Of The World's Air Records

In this latest round-up of aviation news from London there is a list of the latest official world air records issued by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, an expert examination of big wind tunnels (one was announced last week), in being built at Sydney University, as well as odd jottings of news about aircraft and the aviation industry of Britain. Much of this information has been sent by air-mail to The China Mail from the London headquarters of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors Ltd., compiled and written by their own experts for the "not too technical" public.

London. A new edition of the official list of world aviation records, issued by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, shows that all five of the absolute world air records are now held by the United States.

They are for distance in a straight line, for distance on a closed circuit, for altitude, for speed on a base, and for speed on a closed circuit.

The officially confirmed speed record is that established in October by Lieutenant-Commander James Verdin, in a Douglas Skyraider with a Westinghouse jet engine; the average speed on a three-kilometre course is given as 1,214.7 Kilometres, or about 753 miles an hour. All official records are quoted in the metric system, and conversions to British Imperial measures are not accepted as the confirmed speeds.

A curious feature of the list is that the Soviet Union appears mainly in the class of records for spherical balloons, seventeen out of 26 of these records being held by Russia. The United States, however, holds the most remarkable one, that for altitude. Captain Anderson and Stevens reached 22,006 metres, about 72,400 feet, in a balloon in November, 1935.

Only one dirigible record remains on the list, that attributed to Dr Eckener, who flew over 6,300 kilometres in the Graf Zeppelin airship in 1931. The world distance record set by a piston-engined aeroplane stands at about three times this distance.

In the special class for jet aircraft, pilots of Great Britain hold three records—for altitude, for speed on a closed circuit, and therefore very small tunnels! The answer lies in the fact that reduced scale produces complications in what is known as the "Reynolds number" or scale effect.

If the size of a model is reduced, the scale effect is increased. When the proportions are multiplied up to full size, the small errors are so multiplied that the results are less useful to the design.

It would be possible in theory to compensate for the reduced size of the model by using air compressed to a greater density, but when supersonic speed is approached, the mechanical problems involved are too great; it is preferable to use a larger tunnel.

Another reason why large tunnels are necessary is the problem of the tunnel walls. Measurements can be made on models whose wings almost completely span the tunnel walls—but these uncorrected measurements would be of little use because the walls alter the flow of the air near them; since they have their own boundary layer.

Leading scientists here welcome the news and said it was likely to yield important information about earthquakes in the Pacific. Submarine volcanoes can cause and find one close to New Zealand, add further interest to the work of the Royal Society and geophysicists there.

The scientists agree that the volcano, estimated at 7,700 fathoms deep in the centre, is another "link" in the Pacific "chain of fire"—Reuter.

NEW VOLCANO DISCOVERED

Wellington, Feb. 15. A submarine volcano 20 miles long and 10 miles wide has been discovered about 20 miles off Howe Bay, North Island.

Captain C. C. Lowry, of the New Zealand naval survey ship Lachlan, which found the volcano, said: "It is on a very large scale and similar to a land volcano."

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The figure that concerns the British exporting industry however is the £2,000,000 of additional Japanese goods that will be imported this year for internal consumption before being sold to the colonies. Nearly all of this will be spun on vertical looms and will be used in the manufacture of socks, stockings, underwear, and other garments.

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TRADES AND COMMERCE SECTION

HK TO GET JAPANESE EXPORTS FOR RE-SALE

Included In "Colonial Quota"

From Our Correspondent

London, Feb. 14.

Trade provisions of the extended Anglo-Japanese sterling payments agreement will not, it now appears, have such a drastic effect on United Kingdom exports to the colonies as was first thought likely.

To judge by the vehemence of its protests against the agreement the Lancashire Cotton textile industry feared that its goods would be swept out of the colonies on a tidal wave of cheap Japanese imports. That over-pessimistic view is not justified in the light of new information which the Economic Secretary Mr. Reginald Maudling gave the House of Commons last week.

The colonies have been informed that they "may import from Japan in 1954 up to their requirements for internal consumption and for entrepot trade. And this of course, will lead to a sharp increase in colonial purchases from Japan compared with the low figure for last year when this trade was greatly restricted."

But the important fact that has now been revealed is that the increase in imports from Japan for internal consumption in the colonies will amount to only £7,500,000. The rest of the increase—and it will be considerable—will be accounted for by imports chiefly into Hongkong and Singapore for re-sale in neighbouring markets.

The total amount of colonial purchases from Japan this year will be £91 million. The same figure that was agreed upon for this trade when the original Anglo-Japanese payments agreement was signed by the Labour Government in August 1951.

It was partly because this level of imports was greatly exceeded that the sterling area colonies had to enable Japan to earn more sterling. It must have been assumed therefore that the colonies would not only license but also absorb imports up to the prescribed amount. It could still be argued of course that £7,500,000 is a small proportion of the total of £44 million worth of additional goods that the colonies will now be permitted to import and that therefore the agreement will not fall in its purpose. It, say, only £6 million are spent of additional imports of Japanese goods for internal consumption.

But rightly or wrongly Lancashire has taken it for granted that by "disguised dumping" and other means Japan will sell up to the limit of colonial quotas and that all of this will be at the expense of British textile exports.

If this does in fact prove to be the case the loss to Lancashire will be serious. Last year it exported almost 710 million square yards of cotton piece goods worth £88 million of which £34 million yards were woven in its own mills. The difference is the amount of cloth imported into Lancashire for finishing and re-export to the colonies.

These re-exports are included in the 247 million yards of cotton cloth that Lancashire exported to the colonies last year. 86% of Lancashire's "true" exports—that is of cloth actually woven in British mills—some 172 million yards or about 27 per cent went to the colonies. In terms of value these exports were worth more than £21 million out of a total of about £78 million.

The reason for Lancashire's concern about the new trade arrangements is clear. The additional amount of Japanese textile exports to the colonies in 1954 will, if quotas are fulfilled, cut British exports of cotton cloth to these markets by one-third. The loss on total exports at last year's level would be one-eighth.

Altogether it has been estimated the colonies will import £44 million more from Japan this year than they did in 1953. On these additional imports we know that £7,500,000 will be for internal consumption. The total amount of such purchases will be about £23 million. It follows therefore that some £6 million of Japanese goods will be imported into the export centres of Hongkong and Singapore for re-export.

Thus, of the total increase of £44 million in colonial imports from Japan, £36,000,000 or over 80 per cent will be resold to other countries.

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Luminous Car Licence Plates

Las Condes, Chile, Feb. 14. The municipal authorities of Las Condes decided to issue luminous license plates to make them more readable and to stop cars running into others parked without lights.

But the priorities of licensees is fixed by law and no extra charge is possible for these more expensive licenses they will be issued for three-year periods instead of the present 12 months.

To renew the luminosity of the plates a special tank sheet showing through perforated letters and numbers may be ordered from time to time.—China Mail Special.

Slump Hits London

Share Market: Index Down 2.9 Points

From Our Correspondent

London, Feb. 14.

The reaction that is always bound to follow sooner or later on boom conditions hit the London Stock Exchange rather sooner than most people had expected.

It seemed inevitable when dealings began on Monday that the Financial Times Industrial ordinary share index would burst through its all-time peak of 140.6 reached in January 1947. A pile-up of week-end orders gave the markets its busiest day for seven years on Monday, and the index jumped from 139.3 to 140.1.

A few more decimal points would have pushed it through the ceiling but on Tuesday end-of-account conditions intervened and the index finished the day a mere .1 better.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$339,685. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings—SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

DOVE (1949) 91½ 1000

HIC (Bank) 1000

ASIA-NAV. 16½ 163

INDUSTRIES 330

SHIPBUILDING 11½

ASIA-ETC. 70 22 47 76

BUD. (Wharves) 21.40 21.40

Provident 15.50 15.50

SUN. (Bank) 1.10 1.10

WHEELLOCK 1.05 1.05

LAND, ETC. 10.10 10.40 10.00 10.70

HIC (Hotel) 2.17 2.20 2.20 2.20

UTILITIES 29.30

TRAM. (Perfumery) 1.00 1.00

C. Light (Q) 16½ 16.50 2.70 19.16

C. Light (N) 31½ 32.00 2.00 31.76

Electric 22.30 22.30

Macao Elec. 10.40 10.40

Telephone 26.00 26.00

INDUSTRIALS 20.90 21.00 20.00 20.90

Dairy 27.10 27.20 27.00 27.70

X.D. X. Rts. 10.20 10.20

L. Crawford 23.20

COTTONS 5.00 5.00 4.74

Textiles Corp 7½ 5.00 4.74

Ria 2.43 2.43

SHIPS (MANUFACT.) 1.00 1.00 0.95

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Bank Of England Statement

London, Feb. 14. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Feb. 10, reads as follows:

Gold in circulation £1,034,431,210

Pulis deposited 2,500,700

Government securities 318,500,700

Other securities 40,921,301

Receipts 39,191,721

Bank ratio 92

United Press

Canadian Wheat Shipments Fall

Ottawa, Feb. 14. December exports of Canadian wheat and flour totalled 17,800,000 bushels, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

This was a sharp drop from November, and from the same month of the previous crop year, but it was only six per cent below the 1943-53 average.

The total brought shipments for the crop year at 108,000,000 bushels compared with 108,100,000 bushels in the 1952-53 crop years.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local exchange market this morning, with the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1) 1.60

Sterling note (per \$1) 15.37

Indonesia rupiah (per 100) 2,018

Singapore dollar (per 100) 2,738

India-China rupee (per 100) 7.05

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

"A Mad, Scrambling, Joyful & Colourful Week"

FROM H. KING WOOD

It's been a mad, scrambling, joyful and colourful week when normal values just don't seem to matter very much, when typists go out "to see the Queen (which generally means an absence of about four hours); when businessmen have given away the thought of doing any serious business until this beautiful young Queen Elizabeth moves on and stirs a million hearts somewhere else.

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Last weekend we had to visit the Newcastle coalfields and had to go to some of the out-and-out mining centres, where the inhabitants are noted for their down-to-earth living and over whom always hangs a fairly heavy air of suspicion that their hopes for the future lie more in Moscow than Whitehall.

But these miners started singing the National Anthem at the drop of a hat, they had their little flags and their red, white and blue hanging from their not very pretty homes and one and all they said she "was a grand little woman."

And that seems to be the feeling that is sweeping Australia at the moment — as though we needed some visible sign of our faith — and this is it.

One could, of course, keep writing indefinitely about the Queen in Sydney, but mainly it would be a story of cheering, roaring crowds in a different setting each time. There are one or two unusual points, however....

Heard in a packed street: "I'm not so loyal that I'm prepared to stand next to a pipe band to see the Queen".

In another street: "If they packed sardines in like this they'd have the authorities down on them."

OVERSHADOWED

The New Year celebrations of Sydney's Chinese community coincided with the arrival of the Queen. Normally this is a high spot in Chinese community life here and hundreds view the fireworks display at night.

This year less than a dozen watched the show—for down on the Harbour the Government put on one of the greatest fireworks displays in history in honour of the Queen.

It would not be natural, of course, if politics did not raise their ugly head. Even the Labour State Cabinet members are beginning to complain about the way the Premier, Mr Cahill, shadows the Queen.

They weren't too happy about it when he was scheduled to appear with her eight times, but now he has extended the list and will be with her 14 times.

SEARCH FOR OIL

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"Oil is usually found in association with salt water at that depth," he added. "We are only digging a test well at present, and will go on digging until we find more signs to the presence of oil."

Two more companies have been formed to search for oil in Western Australia, and millions of pounds will be sunk in the area in the next 12 months.

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FATHER'S WARNING

A clergyman who has been stationed at the Lochart River Mission in New Guinea told an Australian Workers' Union convention that Mau Mau type terrorism might soon break out in New Guinea and Papua.

The clergyman, Rev. A. Clint, claimed that the "minor, patry methods of the whites and the exploitation of the native Papuans had reached such a pitch that Australia might find terror striking to the north of her shores."

He said the natives were finding their efforts to establish agricultural and trading co-operatives hampered at every turn. They were finding that land that had belonged to their tribes for centuries was being taken by the Government and that white man's laws were denying them the use of it.

The convention carried a resolution supporting native co-operatives, and for the granting of the same wages and conditions to all "whether full blood, cast or white" for the same work.

BREEDING EXPERIMENTS

But the Government itself is trying to play a part in New Guinea. Since the war it has been busy trying to establish agricultural and pastoral industries in the Territory, and this week made arrangements to buy from the US six Zebu for breeding experiments in New Guinea and Papua.

THE JUDGMENT

Dollivering his decision, Mr Justice Gregg said:

In this case I am satisfied, having carefully considered the sections of the law under which the appellant was charged together with the record of proceedings in the court below, that the interests of justice would have been sufficiently served had Charge 3 been treated as alternative or secondary to Charge 1 and a concurrent rather than a consecutive sentence imposed.

Appellant therefore appealed against the sentences imposed on the first and third counts.

Mr J. Way again appeared for appellant, and Mr D. F. O'Reilly, Crown Counsel, represented the Crown.

GENERAL EXPRESSIONS

Some Zebu cattle were imported into the territory from Pakistan last December. They had been held in quarantine, and have just been released. They will be used for breeding purposes early this year.

Mr Hasluck said the American cattle would be compared with that from Pakistan.

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GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE

Grasshoppers up to 12 inches long are covering almost a million acres in the Upper Hunter Valley, according to Mr K. Muller, secretary of the Upper Hunter Pastures Protection Board.

He said the hoppers were twice as thick as the swarms which destroyed pastures and crops in the area late last year.

Mr Muller said more than 1,000 landholders were spraying 170 gallons of poison a day on the hoppers.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



Magistrate Suggests AG Considers Case

In remanding two sailors charged with assault, Mr Lawrence Leong said this morning at Central, "I am remanding defendants for 24 hours in naval custody because in a recent case, a French sailor, who admitted a charge of assault upon a local resident, but challenged the jurisdiction of this Court to try him, was saved by the Attorney-General who entered a nolle prosequi which compelled this Court to discharge him, although, on authorities of law, this Court had jurisdiction to try him, otherwise the Attorney-General need not have entered, and this Court would not have jurisdiction to accept such nolle prosequi."

In the present case, two of our own sailors are charged for exactly the same offence, and it occurs to me that perhaps the Attorney-General may like to have the opportunity to consider this case before it is adjudicated.

Defendants are Able Seaman, John Joseph Devlin, 26, and Ronald George Miles, both of the HMS Tamar.

Defendants are alleged to have assaulted two Police constables, and a taxi driver, Lam Yeung-tau, and to have damaged a blue Police tunic and cap, the property of Government, on February 12, at Queen's Road East.

Sub-Insp. I. Ip prosecuted.

LESSON 5 BUYING CIGARETTES

Vocabulary and Combinations:
1. daw(1) - Much. Many.
2. pay(2) - How (much or many)?
3. gay(2)-daw(1) - How much?
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4. (1)money - A cash. A coin.
5. (1)money - Money.
6. gay(1)-daw(1)-seen(2) ab(3)? - How much is it? How much are they?

7. seen(1) - A packet; a box; a bundle.
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